

The news is out about Sinclair Broadcasting's obviously skewed and partisan decision to require our local stations--WZTV, WUXP, and WNAB in Nashville, Tennessee--to broadcast an anti-Democrat, anti-Kerry "documentary" on the verge of the coming election. In one radio story I heard today, this piece of work was ridiculously (and cynically) described as "news." Is this how Sinclair uses the public airwaves to serve the public interest?

Please give this proposed broadcast your closest scrutiny, both with respect to Sinclair's mandate under the obligations of its license, and to the broader issue of how media consolidation helps muscle partisan political messages into millions of living rooms under the guise of "news."

Respectfully yours.